

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

February 13, 2007
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer
Ms. Casandra Ulbrich
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Absent: Mr. Reginald Turner

Also Present: Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on the 2006-2007 Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools
- B. The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Quick Notes and Reporting Formats – Meetings of January 3 and February 7, 2007
- C. Information on Partnership with the School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM)

III. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Budget Update
- B. Federal Update
- C. REVISED Page 13 of Minutes of January 9, 2007 Meeting

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Discussion Regarding Modifications to Michigan's Accountability Workbook – added to agenda
- B. Report on Study Mission Trip to China – added to agenda
- C. 2007-2009 Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant – Amendment – added to agenda
- D. 2006-2007 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Amendment – added to agenda
- E. 2006-2007 Title II Improving Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. 2005-2006 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part B and Part C – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Danhof requested the following modification to the agenda:

- V. Approval of K-8 Health Education Grade Level Content Expectations – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- W. Approval of High School Health and Physical Education Guidelines – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion
- X. Approval of K-12 Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGES – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said he is requesting a personal privilege for a special announcement from Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognition Programs. Ms. Shane was accompanied at the table by Ms. Pamela Harlin, Director, Corporate Communications and Public Relations, MEEMIC Insurance, and Ms. Katy Clippert, Marketing Specialist, MEEMIC Insurance.

Ms. Shane said beginning in fall 2007, MEEMIC Insurance is supplying the Michigan Teacher of the Year with a leased Chevrolet TrailBlazer for the year. She said the MEEMIC Foundation will also provide the Michigan Teacher of the Year with:

- A \$1,000 monetary award to the school of the Michigan Teacher of the Year for the advancement of education;
- A leather briefcase for the Teacher of the Year, and \$300 in apparel;
- The Michigan Teacher of the Year sculpture and plaque;
- A monetary award to the schools of each of the Michigan Teacher of the Year finalists; and
- Plaques for each of the state finalists.

Ms. Harlin said MEEMIC is honored to participate in the Teacher of the Year Program by supporting teachers – a treasured resource. Ms. Shane thanked Ms. Lynn Kalinowski, MEEMIC President and CEO for her support.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:49 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on the Status of Supplemental Educational Services Provision Under No Child Left Behind Act

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement

No Child Left Behind legislation stipulates tutoring services be provided by Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers to qualified students after a school fails to make adequate yearly progress for three consecutive years. The presentation provided a summary of the successes and challenges the Department faced during implementation of this provision.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. are local educational agencies and intermediate school districts eligible to be Supplemental Educational Service providers – *yes if a district is making adequate yearly progress it may apply to be an SES provider;*
2. are parents alerted in a timely manner regarding the provision of SES services – *it is a complicated process and districts try to comply in a timely manner;*
3. can SES providers be hired before a district reaches Phase 3 – *yes districts can hire SES providers before reaching Phase 3;*
4. criteria for providers are being established – are there requirements for the employees of the provider – *programs must be aligned with the content expectations or the grade level expectations, but the quality of each employee is not examined by the state; it was originally required that providers be certified teachers, however that has been removed from the law and teacher certification and highly qualified status are not required;*
5. how do we ensure students are benefiting from the services provided – *surveys of satisfaction are done with parents, teachers, and school districts;*
6. *many tutoring providers have minimal educational requirements and training;*
7. is there data on distribution of providers in small rural areas – *providers are reaching to rural areas;*
8. are parents given information on choosing an SES provider – *some districts provide technical assistance to parents; parents can choose from a list of 213 SES providers;*
9. do SES services match the needs of students; for example in cases of irregular attendance are individual student needs being addressed rather than using a prescribed tutorial that may not address attendance – *professional development with SES providers, parents, and school*

district personnel is needed; an infrastructure in the Office of School Improvement is being created to handle all issues related to SES and its complexities; an information packet is also being developed;

10. how often do SES providers apply – *it is a two-year cycle;*
11. be more specific regarding the criteria for success of SES providers;
12. what is the typical number of employees of SES providers – *most are in the middle, but there are two person as well as corporate SES providers;*
13. can the state request or require that teachers be certified or highly qualified – *the state can request that teachers be certified and highly qualified, but it cannot be required; this has been challenged previously;*
14. can parents and school districts request that an SES provider that does not perform satisfactorily be removed from the approved list – *yes through due process;*
15. children who are most in need of services may not receive help if they do not have an advocate – *services are provided in schools and church settings so that children with limited resources can access the services;*
16. can SES services be provided in the public school building – *yes;*
17. is there more than one SES provider serving the school – *there could be;*
18. since services are provided outside the regular school day and transportation is a factor, are students who are most in need of services missing this opportunity – *services are provided outside the regular school day and transportation is not part of the service; it is typical in Detroit neighborhoods for students to walk in groups and car pool to participate;*
19. based on five years of experience with SES providers what are the most significant changes made in criteria – *accountability measures and a trajectory of student achievement impact data; we have data available;*
20. what is the oversight mechanism – *regular monitoring and yearly reports from districts correlating students receiving services and SES providers; it is a goal to have a consumer report;*

21. how is it determined if a student is making strides in achievement as a result of daily work or SES services – *pre and post assessments are done*; and
22. *implementation funds are needed for this and other programs in the Department.*

B. Review of Procedures of the State Board of Education

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Kathleen Straus, President, State Board of Education

The proposed procedures are a result of the discussion at the State Board of Education Retreat on November 28, 2006. At a subsequent meeting the State Board of Education Policies and Procedures Committee incorporated revisions into the document. The Committee members include Elizabeth Bauer, Nancy Danhof, Reginald Turner, and Kathleen Straus.

Board member comment and *staff clarification*:

1. page 1, item 2, Public Education Financial Planning – a statement should be added that states the proposed language is in the State Constitution – *there was consensus to add the statement.*

There was consensus to vote on this item during the discussion portion of the Regular Meeting.

C. Budget Update

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law
- Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Office of Financial Management
- Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director

An overview of the proposed budget for the Michigan Department of Education and State School Aid was presented.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. rather than increase teacher certification fees as proposed, now may be a good time to push for certification of principals which would be another source of revenue;

2. will there be orientation meetings of the new legislative committees –*Mr. Flanagan and Ms. Hansknecht have been invited to address a joint meeting of the House Education Committee and House Appropriations (K-12 School Aid and Department of Education) Subcommittee on February 20; Representative Melton has expressed an interest in early education and technology; and Board members will also meet with legislators in the future;*
3. is the Fiscal Year 2008 Executive Budget Summary information pending – *page 16 "Department of Education FY 2008 Executive Budget Summary" was proposed and accepted;*
4. what are "Restricted Funds" as shown on page 18 of "Department of Education FY 2007-08 Executive Budget Recommendation Implementation Funds" – *includes teacher certification fees \$6.5 million, local funds at School for the Deaf \$6.4 million, private funds \$3 million (\$1 million appropriation to accept private funds);*
5. it should first be determined what the educational system should look like and then what the funding requirements would be – *there is a three-prong approach (1) what kind of cuts should be considered across state government agencies with regard to education – elimination of programs; (2) reform the educational system; and (3) determine revenue needed for funding; in the past this has been called an adequacy study;*

Mr. Austin proposed and distributed copies of a resolution regarding support for investment and reforms in Michigan schools. There was consensus to add the resolution to the action items during the Regular Meeting.

6. the starting point is determining who needs to be educated and what are their needs; examples include career and technical education, technology, rehabilitation – transition planning, and community colleges; there needs to be discussion on supervision and collaboration of services with the user as the focus; the Board's Constitutional authority is broader than the current discussions; and
7. mental health, community health, and human service needs greatly impact education; there is currently not enough revenue for sufficient funding of programs; it is time for the Board to make a statement that Michigan must invest in children, because education is the way to a brighter economic future for Michigan.

The following individual offered public comment on the budget:

1. Ms. Donna Oser, Executive Director, Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, Lansing, Michigan.

D. Federal Update

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer

Mr. Flanagan shared an audio clip of his testimony to the United States Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee regarding the Reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act.

An overview and update on Federal Issues was presented.

There was consensus to add No Child Left Behind Reauthorization Issues to the discussion items during the Regular meeting.

Mrs. Straus said there are many opportunities to transmit the Board's recommendations on the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind. Mrs. Straus said she, Mr. Flanagan, Senator Gilda Jacobs, and Mr. Frank Reid, President of the Michigan Association of School Boards, were members of a panel at the Oakland County School Boards Association on January 17, 2007. She said the panel was focused on No Child Left Behind legislation, and recommendations for change. She said it would also be helpful for Mrs. Curtin to have as a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations, attended the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference on January 28-30, 2007. She said Michigan had the largest delegation in attendance. She said we are fortunate to have Michigan Congressman Dale Kildee as Chairman of the Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee. She said he spoke at the conference and said he will be convening hearings across the country regarding the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind. Mrs. Straus said she and Ms. Stanley met with every Michigan member of congress or their education legislative staff.

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

E. Discussion Regarding Public School Year-End Deficits – Annual Report to the Legislature

The following individual presented:

- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law

The Department of Education is required to report annually to the Legislature on school districts incurring year-end deficits and the progress made in reducing those deficits. A report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was contained in the Board item.

The Department has a formal procedure in place that requires school districts to develop plans to eliminate their general fund deficits. This procedure includes meeting with district administrators and board members to evaluate and possibly recommend modifications to their plan.

Board member comment and *staff clarification*:

1. should there be a minimum fund balance percentage to lessen the possibility of a district going into deficit status – *the Department has the data; districts are in different situations; the vast majority of districts have been making changes for years to avoid deficit status; a collaborative approach seems to work best with school business officials, school administrators, Michigan Association of School Boards, and the Department; the structure of school funding needs to be addressed.*

XII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 1:25 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. George Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided comments on Michigan School for the Blind and Camp Tuhsmeheeta .
- B. Ms. Beverly Walker and Ms. Mae Strickland, Inkster, Michigan. Ms. Strickland and Ms. Walker provided comments on public school academies.

- C. Ms. Cathy Willem, Mr. Steve Krumm, Mr. Matthew Loesch, Grand Ledge, Michigan. Ms. Willem, Mr. Krumm, and Mr. Loesch provided comments on school funding and the need for adequate revenue.
- D. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood provided oral and written comments on public school academies.
- E. Mr. Bill Mayes, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Mayes provided comments on the school aid fund and the need for adequate resources.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:55 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- E. Discussion Regarding Modifications to Michigan's Accountability Workbook

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer

The Accountability Workbook is the annual negotiation of the details of the state's plan. At the January State Board of Education meeting, staff identified and discussed six issues that need modification due to changes in data clarity, further guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, information from other states, and input from Department and local educational agency staff. Since the January meeting, one additional modification has been identified by staff.

The seventh item requests approval to issue high school No Child Left Behind report cards, and the report cards of any elementary or middle school that administered the replacement tests for the MI-Access *Functional Independence* and *Supported Independence*, after the start of school next fall, if necessary.

Board member comment and *staff clarification* included:

1. Concerned that final approval has not been granted for the MI-Access Functional Independence, MI-Access Supported Independence, and Michigan Merit Exam and students will be taking exams that may not receive approval – *there are two levels of approval and we have been told that Michigan will receive approval as other states have received approval on the same basis; the second level of approval involves*

technical reports delivered after testing and peer review by the Department; because of the preliminary reports that have been shared it is believed that approval of the assessments is not an issue but concern is appropriate.

F. Report on Study Mission Trip to China

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Kathleen Straus, State Board of Education
- Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, State Board of Education
- Mrs. Nancy Danhof, State Board of Education

Mrs. Straus said she joined Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Danhof on a Study Mission to China on July 1-11, 2006. She said they joined a delegation of 25 educators on the trip that was sponsored by Michigan State University College of Education. She said State Board members paid for their trip with personal funds.

Mrs. Straus said the trip began in Beijing where they visited a preschool established by Professor Yong Zhao, Distinguished University Professor at Michigan State University, who led the trip. She said the preschool is a multi-cultural program, and the Chinese are very anxious not only to learn English, but understand the American and other English-speaking cultures.

Mrs. Straus said they visited a high school on the campus of a teachers college. She said the Chinese have a very disciplined lifestyle.

Mrs. Straus said they met with the Deputy Minister of Education and he explained that every child attends school free of charge through the ninth grade, with the exception of some rural areas. She said the goal is to extend free education through twelfth grade. She said class sizes are large with emphasis on mathematics and science, and they excel in teaching facts, thus excelling on international standardized testing. She said the Chinese officials are concerned about their inability to teach children to think creatively and independently. She said they have a national curriculum that is digitized.

Mrs. Straus said the Department and the Michigan State University College of Education are sponsoring a March 6, conference, "Preparing Our Students for a Place in the World: Internationalizing Michigan Education" at the Lansing Center.

Mrs. Bauer said China faces similar challenges as Michigan with regard to providing education for children residing in rural areas. She said China has a written plan and has reached the accomplishment stage of many objectives to attain the goal of serving all children through twelfth grade. She said all 28

countries in the European Union use a common curriculum that is digitized. She said when China has a plan and executes the plan, it is accomplished on time.

Mrs. Bauer said she visited a technical community college focused on aerospace. She said she noticed a need for occupational safety and health considerations, and she believes that will happen with globalized industry.

Mrs. Danhof said children can learn bilingually from a very early age as evidenced by Chinese preschool children. She said in the morning students learn English, language arts, and social studies and in the afternoon they learned math and science in Chinese. She said there are immersion schools in Michigan that have the same concept.

Mrs. Danhof said China's strategic plan as presented by the Deputy Minister of Education, is very similar to Michigan's. She said three years ago when China set a goal of educating all children through the ninth grade, it was done regardless of readiness level. She said she was also impressed with teachable moments using art in the hallways, and gardens surrounding the school. She said their belief is that children learn everywhere. She said the inner cities had the best schools, and the rural and suburban schools had the lower performing schools.

Mrs. Danhof said they also visited the Pudong Software Park in Shanghai established by Professor Hongliang Hu, Director and President. She said President Hu began the software park in a farmer's field nine years ago with 30 engineers, which has now grown to 25,000 engineers. She said the Software Park is a state of the art complex which provides employees with state of the art technology, housing, a grocery store, theater, hiking trails, and onsite teaching of languages for employees.

Mrs. Danhof said she was asked by the Chinese people how the United States teaches creativity and higher level thinking skills. She said she responded that it is our culture and the way we live.

Mrs. Bauer said Mr. L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, has called for all school districts in Oakland County to offer Mandarin Chinese. She said the superintendents are discussing how to implement the county's challenge.

Mrs. Bauer said she and Mrs. Straus have had opportunities to meet with the leadership of the American Chinese School in southeastern Michigan. She said they are interested in providing teachers of the Mandarin language as well as establishing a process for certification of American Chinese Schools so that the courses and grades can be accredited.

Mr. Flanagan said there are people that can teach world languages, however they are not certified teachers. He said there needs to be discussion regarding this.

In response to a question, Mrs. Straus clarified that Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Danhof, and she paid for their trip and related expenses.

XVI. RECESS

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:36 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 9, 2007.

Mrs. Hamilton, State Board Executive, said there is a revised page 13 in the agenda folders.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of January 9, 2007, as modified.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire,
Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner**

The motion carried.

XVIII. RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR INVESTMENT AND REFORMS IN MICHIGAN SCHOOLS

There was consensus to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda.

Mr. Austin presented Resolution on Support for Investment and Reforms in Michigan Schools.

Mr. Austin said we cannot cut our way to prosperity, and we must support a thoughtful restructuring of the tax system to provide the revenues to ensure stable support to fund public education. He said the Board should continue to encourage the Governor and Legislature to provide incentives and requirements to provide reforms, efficiencies, and consolidations to maintain investments and make smarter investments in our economic future. He said high school graduation requirements are an example of maintaining investments and encouraging reform.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Support for Investment and Reforms in Michigan Schools.

Mrs. Danhof said it is imperative the Board exhorts the Legislature and the Governor's office to make certain financing is ensured for public education. She said it is the Board's constitutional authority however the "how" should be determined by the Legislature. She said she wants to maintain the credibility of the separation of powers between the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education.

Mr. Austin said the Board should be informing the dialogue.

Mrs. McGuire said the Board needs to show leadership. She said constant cutting of taxes does not allow for sufficient funding of education, and the revenue base needs to be increased.

Mrs. Bauer said increasing revenue is part of the picture, but not the only part. She said the high cost of unproductive systems must be addressed.

Ms. Ulbrich said the resolution is a powerful statement, and she would hesitate to mention specifics in the resolution because that can limit the debate. She said although she would like more generic statements to support flexibility, she will support the resolution.

Mrs. Straus said what is needed is a combination of revenue enhancement, reforms, efficiencies, consolidations, and changes to the structure of education program delivery to make it more effective and efficient. She said we cannot keep cutting services to the point that they aren't available when people need them. She said staffing has been cut so drastically that it is hard to do the job they are entrusted to do, and she believes this needs to be explained to the public.

Mrs. Bauer proposed a friendly amendment to the resolution to the "Resolved" paragraph, second line, to read ". . . the State Board of Education endorses proposed ALS plans that: . . ."

Mr. Austin and Mrs. Straus accepted the friendly amendment.

Ms. Kyff said Michigan is being lauded for high school graduation requirements. She said exemplary education throughout the state beginning at the preschool level is needed. She said many districts have experienced cuts in before- and after-school programs, classroom aides, and basic classroom supplies such as pencils and paper. She said Michigan is losing many of its newest teachers, and children are entering school with needs affecting their education that must be addressed.

Mrs. Curtin said Board members should have received the resolution prior to the Board meeting allowing for sufficient time for review.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich

Nay: Danhof

Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

The resolution on Support for Investment and Reforms in Michigan Schools is attached as Exhibit A.

XIX. APPROVAL OF K-8 HEALTH EDUCATION GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS

APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

APPROVAL OF K-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONTENT STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS

These three items were removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion. There was consensus to discuss all three items together for approval purposes.

Ms. Danhof said the three documents were being finalized at the same time the Board passed the Positive Behavior Support Policy. She said we should not miss the opportunity to address Positive Behavior Support in these documents.

Mrs. McGuire said she is concerned that healthy eating is difficult for people in poverty, and perhaps the document could include helpful suggestions.

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Director, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support; and Mr. Kyle Guerrant, Supervisor, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit, Office of Grants Coordination and School Support; addressed Mrs. Danhof's concern. Ms. Chartrand said that at the beginning of each social emotional health strand at each grade level a statement could be added, "Teaching these standards is central to the implementation of an effective Positive Behavior Support system."

There was consensus by the Board that the statement be added.

Ms. Chartrand said Mrs. McGuire's concern would best be addressed in the teaching materials and lesson plans. Mr. Guerrant said it could be addressed at the high school level, because parents are making decisions regarding food choices for children in elementary school. Mr. Guerrant said the K-8 Health Education Grade Level Content Expectations, Strand 5: Personal health and Wellness, Standard 8: Advocacy on page 16 states, "Encourage peers to make positive choices for personal health and wellness."

Mrs. McGuire said the information is helpful.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the following:

- (1) proposed changes to the Health Education Content Standards and the new K-8 Health Education Grade Level Content Expectations, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007, and modified by the Board;**
- (2) High School Health and Physical Education Guidelines, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007, and modified by the Board; and**
- (3) K-12 Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007, and modified by the Board.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

XX. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

- U. Approval of Modifications to Michigan's Accountability Workbook
- V. Approval of K-8 Health Education Grade Level Content Expectations
- W. Approval of High School Health and Physical Education Guidelines
- X. Approval of K-12 Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks
- Y. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

Criteria

- Z. Approval of Criteria for State-Approved Supplemental Educational Services Providers

Resolutions

- AA. Approval of Resolution Regarding National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week (CACFP)
- BB. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week
- CC. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week
- DD. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Parenting Awareness Month
- EE. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Marleen M. Higbee

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- U. approve the Accountability Workbook Amendments for 2006-07 as presented in the document attached to the Superintendent's revised memorandum dated February 5, 2007;**
- V. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- W. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- X. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- Y. approve the October 1 - December 31, 2006 report of the State Board of Education expenses, dated January 29, 2007;**
- Z. approve the criteria for State-Approved Supplemental Educational Services Providers, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007;**
- AA. adopt the resolution regarding the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week, March 18-24, 2007, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007;**
- BB. adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007;**

- CC. **adopt the resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007;**
- DD. **adopt the resolution regarding Parenting Awareness Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007; and**
- EE. **adopt the resolution honoring Marleen M. Higbee, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 29, 2007.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

Resolution regarding the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week is attached as Exhibit B.

Resolution regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week is attached as Exhibit C.

Resolution regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week is attached as Exhibit D.

Resolution regarding Parenting Awareness Month is attached as Exhibit E.

Resolution honoring Marleen M. Higbee is attached as Exhibit F.

XXI. **APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Following discussion during the Committee of the Whole meeting, there was Board consensus to add this item to the Regular Meeting under Discussion/Action Items.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Procedures, as attached to the President's memorandum dated January 29, 2007, and as modified by discussion during the Committee of the Whole.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

The Procedures of the State Board of Education document is attached as Exhibit G.

XXII. NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 NASBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND 2007 AWARDS

Mrs. Danhof presented Nominations for 2008 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Directors and 2007 Awards.

Mrs. Danhof asked if Board members wished to make nominations for the 2008 NASBE Board of Directors including President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Area Director. No nominations were suggested.

Mrs. Danhof said the deadline for nominations for the NASBE Awards is March 30, 2007, and she said Board members could make recommendations at the March 13, 2006, Board meeting.

XXIII. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Earlier in the meeting there was consensus to add this item to the Discussion/Action agenda.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education recommend the following modifications to the No Child Left Behind Act:

- (1) New School Definition;**
- (2) Graduation Cohorts More Than Four Years;**
- (3) Use of Best Score Through Grade 12 in AYP Calculation;**
- (4) Identification of School or School District for Improvement;**
- (5) Proxy Calculation for Students with Mild to Moderate Cognitive Impairment;**
- (6) Limited English Proficient Students and AYP;**
- (7) School Report Cards for High Schools and Some Schools Testing Students with the MI -Access Participation and Supported Independent Assessments; and**
- (8) Consistency with Approvals of Exceptions Among States.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich
Absent: Turner

The motion carried.

Mrs. Bauer said she is concerned with some of the positions of advocacy groups with regard to the education of all children. She said laws require that students with special needs be in a general education setting 80 percent of the time, and we need to support that and advocate for professional learning for educators.

There was consensus to add a column for State Board of Education recommendations to the matrix of Advocacy Groups' Positions on NCLB Issues, for presentation at the March Board meeting.

Mrs. Danhof left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The Recommended Modifications to the No Child Left Behind Act document is attached as Exhibit H.

XXIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Federal Relations

Mrs. Straus said earlier in the meeting she reported on her trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Conference. She said Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations, has cultivated productive relationships at the federal level over many years. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Stanley is respected and called upon for her advice.

B. Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest Board of Directors

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest Board of Directors Meeting on February 4-5, 2007. She said the new REL contract for the United States Department of Education focuses on research.

Mrs. Straus said there were presentations on English Language Learning and English Immersion.

C. MDE/MVU/Microsoft Online Learning Symposium

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer attended the Online Learning Symposium on February 8. She said partners included the Department, Microsoft, Michigan Virtual University, and Blackboard. She said Microsoft has funded the Department in technology efforts for schools. She said Blackboard is funding Career Forward which is a four to six weeks online course that will be available free of charge to all districts for students to explore careers with the leadership of a classroom teacher. She said this will satisfy the online learning experience of the high school graduation requirements.

D. The Same Door – A Documentary Film on Micah Fialka-Feldman

Mrs. Straus said she attended a presentation of a documentary film on Micah Fialka-Feldman, who addressed the Board in December of 2003. She said he is now 21 years old, and he thrived in inclusive education from elementary through his high

school years. She said he has attained his goal of attending Oakland University. She said Mrs. Bauer was a keynote speaker at the Berkley High School event that was filled to capacity.

E. Great Start Collaborative in Oakland County

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Great Start Collaborative Meeting in Oakland County on February 6, 2007. She said the keynote speaker was Mr. Bill Millet, a businessman from North Carolina, who spoke on the importance to economic development of early childhood beginning at birth.

F. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said she would like to establish an ad hoc committee to review and update criteria for the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award. There was consensus for Mrs. Straus to convene a meeting of Mrs. Danhof, Mrs. McGuire, and Ms. Ulbrich to accomplish this task.

XXV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Update

H. Report on Property Transfers

I. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

J. 2006-2007 State School Aid Act Section 99(6) Mathematics and Science Centers – Initial

K. 2006-2007 Title III, English Language Acquisition Program – Final – Initial

L. 2006-2007 Title III, Immigrant Grant Program – Initial

M. 2006-2007 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Amendment

N. 2006-2007 Reading First – Continuation

O. 2006-2007 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment

P. 2006-2007 Title II, Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology – Initial

- Q. 2006-2007 Title II, Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology – Continuation
- R. 2006-2007 Local Wellness Policy Implementation Grant – Initial (CFDA 10.555)
- S. 2006-2007 Local Wellness Policy Implementation Grant – Initial (CFDA 93.938)
- FF. 2007-2009 Mathematics Science Partnership Grant – Amendment
- GG. 2006-2007 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Amendment
- HH. 2006-2007 Title II Improving Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Amendment
- II. 2005-2006 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part B and Part C – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan did not provide an oral report in the interest of time.

XXVI. REPORT BY MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented Report by Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Kyff said she attended the National and State Teachers of the Year Convention in Dallas in January. She said they were impressed by Michigan's high school graduation requirements, especially the online requirement. She said North Carolina is the only other state where the Teacher of the Year interacts directly with the State Board of Education.

Ms. Kyff said she also attended the Beyond Basics fundraiser. She said Beyond Basics is a non-profit corporation offering free reading, writing, and enrichment programs to students in Detroit and Pontiac. She said parent services are also provided, and she shared books the children published through the program.

XXVII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. National Governors Association – Mrs. Sue Carnell

Mrs. Carnell said she will be presenting at the National Governors Association on February 15, 2007 which will include information on the work of the State Board of Education with regard to high school reform.

XXVIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan asked Board members to submit agenda topics for future Board meetings to Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, or Mrs. Curtin, who serve as members of the agenda planning committee.

XXIX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. March 13, 2007
- B. April 10, 2007
- C. April 12-13, 2007 – State Board of Education Retreat
- D. May 8, 2007

XXX. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary